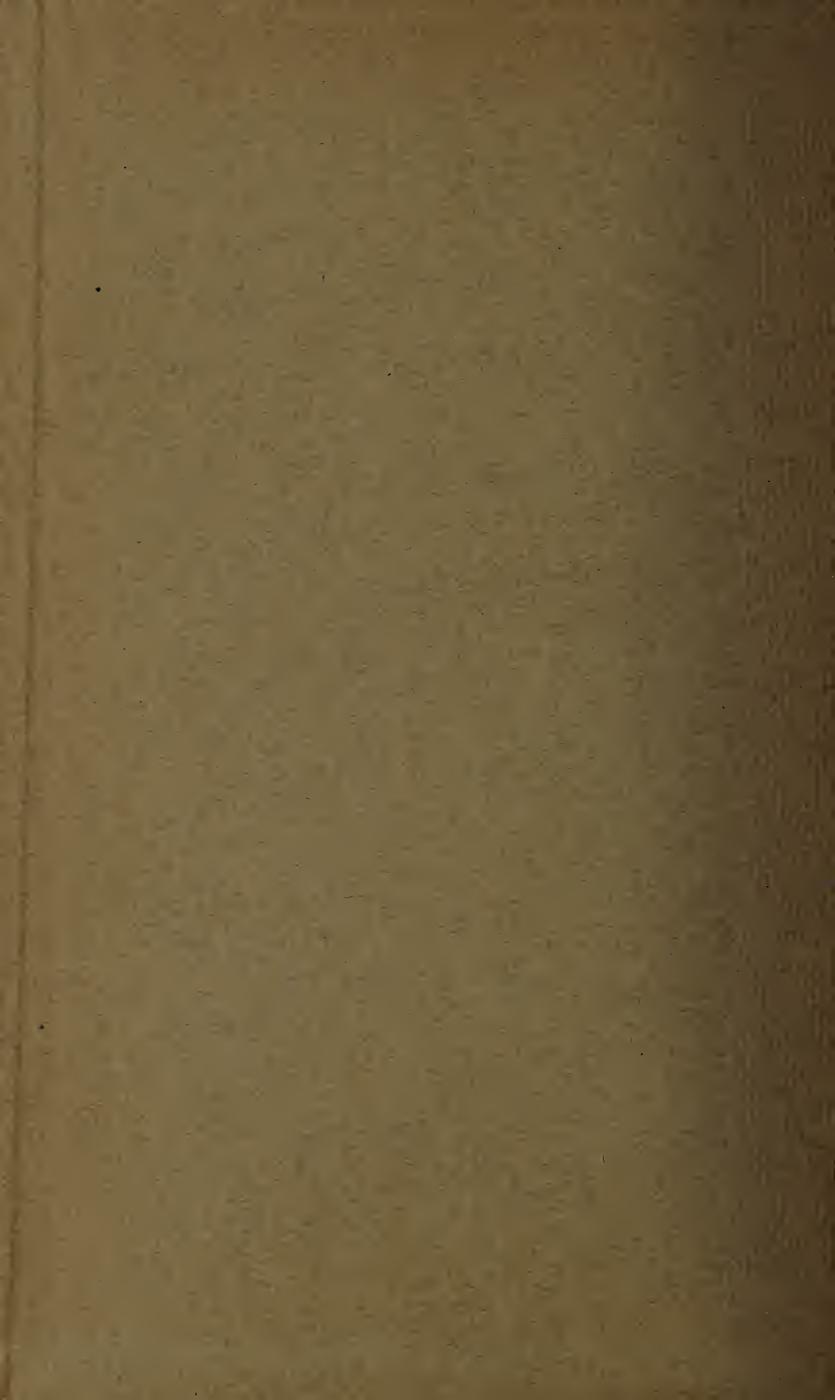
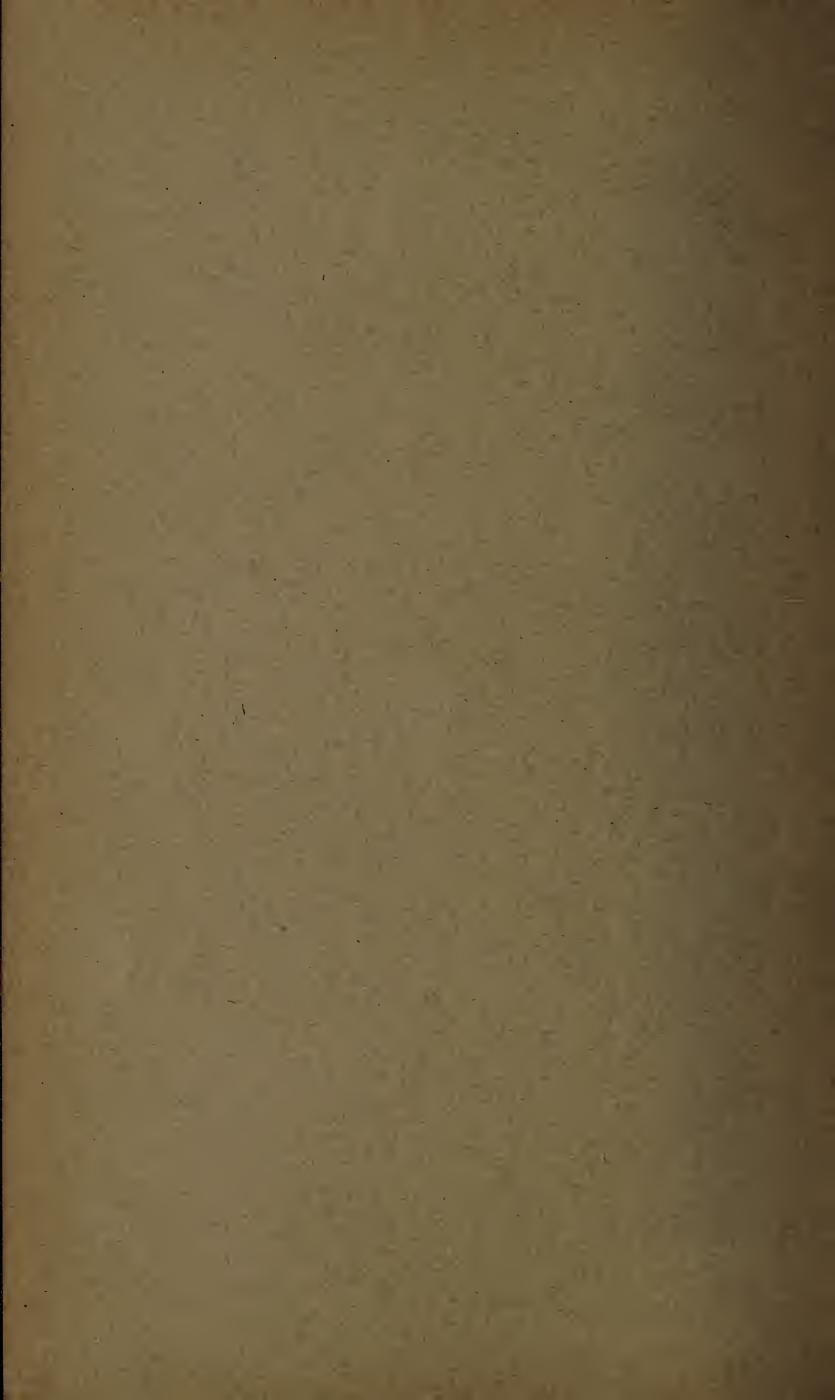
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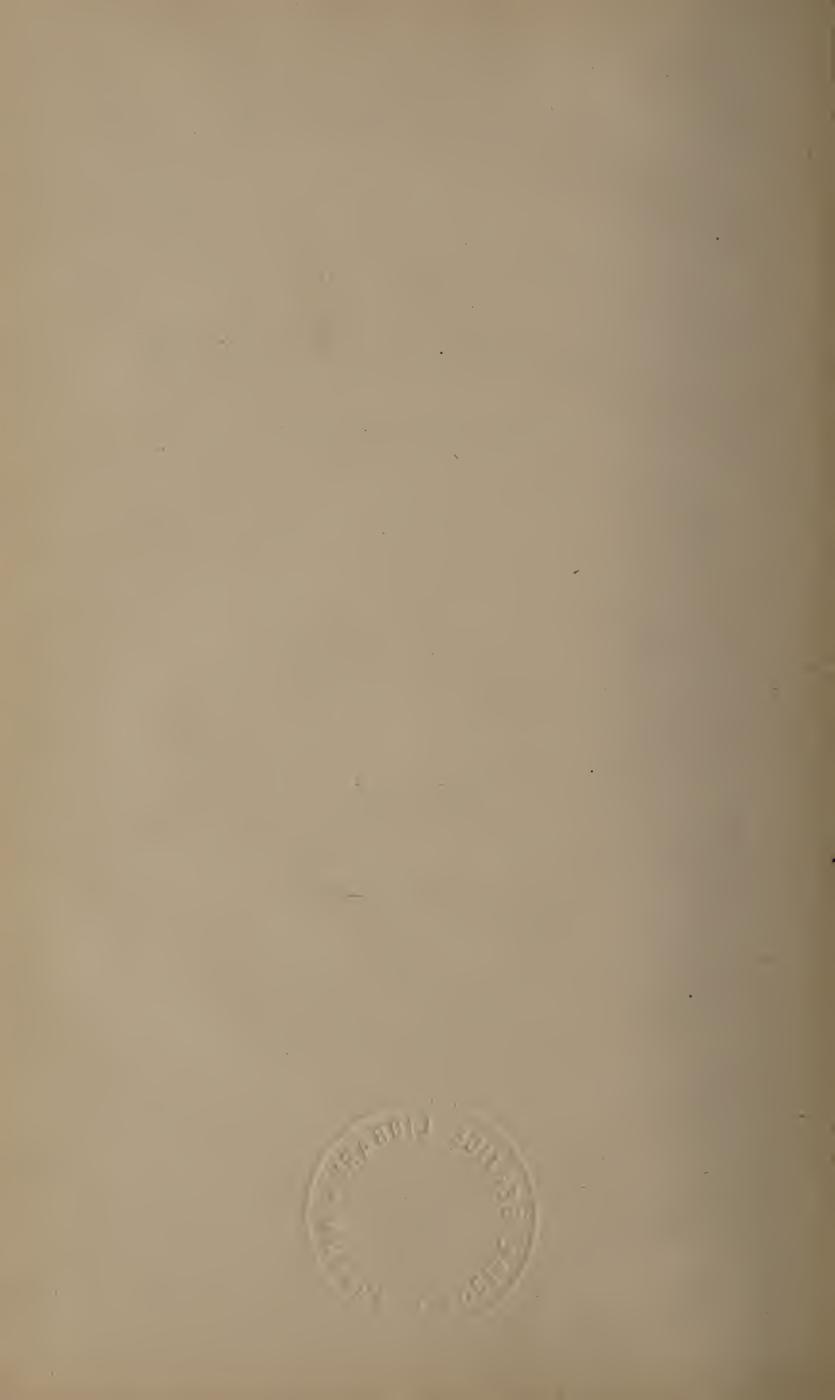
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CITY OF BOSTON,
INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, February 1, 1912.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir,— The Institutions Registration Department respectfully submits its fifteenth annual report for the year ending January 31, 1912.

Commitments of the insane were as follows:

Boston State Hospital .								370
Danvers State Hospital								87
Westborough State Hospita	al				•			128
Taunton State Hospital	•		•		•			9
Worcester State Hospital		•		. •	•	•	•	104
Monson State Hospital	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10
7D ()								700
Total		•	•	•		•	•	708

The commitments to Foxborough State Hospital numbered twenty-eight. The policy of sending patients to Foxborough who are willing to go without commitment proceedings has been continued and found to work well.

During the year 417 persons were sent to the psychopathic ward of the Boston State Hospital. Of this number 284, or 68.1 per cent, were afterwards committed.

These 417 patients were sent as follows:

Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 34, on warrant.		4
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 43, for observation		16
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Chapter 395, Acts of 1911, temporary care		84
Chapter 307, Acts of 1910, sent by police	•	291
${\bf Total} \qquad . \qquad .$		417

There were sent to the Relief Hospital, Haymarket square, 112 persons suffering with delirium tremens. These persons as a rule are sent by the police to the City Prison or House of Detention and there examined by a physician attached to this department, and, if found to be in need of treatment, are then sent to the Relief Hospital. The number, 112, represents less than one-half the number that were formerly sent to the Deer Island Hospital. The reason for this is that many of this class are sent to the psychopathic ward, Boston State Hospital, it not being known at the time whether they are suffering from the effects of liquor or whether they are insane.

The physicians attached to this department made

866 medical examinations during the year.

Investigations of Settlements.

All applications for admission to almshouses are made to this department and the assistants are called upon to make many outside investigations, not only for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information to determine the settlement but to get other facts for properly disposing of applicants. Considerable routine work devolves upon the department which cannot easily be shown in figures.

For the year ending January 31, 1912, 6,085 settle-

ments were investigated.

Persons were sent to the institutions as follows:

State Infirmary										2,267 1,396	
Almshouse,	Cha	rlest	own	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	66
Total											3,729

CHANGES.

Mr. William P. Fowler, who served the city as Institutions Registrar since 1899, and at his own request served without compensation, resigned November, 1911, and, though our official relations have terminated, our personal friendship continues, and we shall long be grateful for his many acts of kindness, and he takes in his retirement from the department the best wishes of the department.

FINANCIAL.

The total amount of the appropriation was \$21,200; amount expended, \$20,602.33.

Very respectfully,

Charles F. Gaynor,

Institutions Registrar.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Salaries	•		•							\$14,162 62
Medical att										2,936 00
Transporta	tion					•				1,263 30
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Printing		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	230 78
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Telephone				•				•	•	154 74
Food .				•				•	•	61 95
Stationery		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	78 18
Total	•		•					•		\$20,602 33

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